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David and Justin,

I understand that EPA continues to deliberate on how to respond to two petitions for reconsideration of EPA's actions regarding water quality standards in Maine.

As a result, the Penobscot Nation has advised the Department that it would be helpful for us to clarify in writing whether the former Solicitor's 2015 opinion on the fishing rights of Maine Tribes, which EPA relied on in its issuance of the water quality standards, remains the position of the Solicitor's Office.

I have reviewed the opinion, and see no legal or policy reason to revisit it.

Please do not hesitate to contact me or Associate Deputy Secretary Cason, cc'd, if you have any further questions.



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